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#### **72-HOUR REPORT**

14 SEPTEMBER 2020

## (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Los Angeles - Two LA County Sheriff's Deputies Expected to Survive Ambush Attack

(U) Compton – Two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies shot in what authorities described as an ambush attack are expected to survive amid an intense manhunt for the gunman. Both deputies were shot in the head near the Compton Metro station, but went through surgery and are now listed in stable condition. Authorities have offered no motive for the attack and are currently pursuing all leads to identify the suspect.

SOURCE: 13 September 2020, <u>LA Times</u>

#### (U) San Diego - Authorities Track Panga Boat, Arrest 15 off Coast of San Diego

(U) Agents advised they stopped 15 people off the coast of San Diego after tracking their fishing boat for hours as it entered US illegally overnight. The vessel was spotted by an observation aircraft heading toward the US from Mexico and was later caught by a Customs and Border Protection boat. The smuggling boat was stopped and 15 people were apprehended. Agents processed most of the group for return to their home country and arrested the suspected boat operator to face federal criminal charges. SOURCE: 11 September 2020, Fox 5 San Diego

# (U) San Diego – Coast Guard Crew Offloads More Than 26,000 Pounds of Cocaine, Marijuana

(U) The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Berthoff offloaded more than 26,000 pounds of seized cocaine and marijuana in San Diego. The drugs, worth an estimated \$390 million, were seized in international waters off the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The seizure totals represent 13 suspected drug smuggling vessel interdictions off the coasts of Mexico, Central and South America between May and late August by several Coast Guard and Navy ships.

SOURCE: 11 September 2020, US SOUTHCOM

# (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – South Texas Stash House Disrupted; Border Agents Apprehend Dozens of Migrants

(U) McAllen – A suspected stash house with 26 undocumented migrants from Central America and Mexico was discovered near the South Texas border town of Roma. Border Patrol agents, along with Roma Police, dismantled the stash house and detained the undocumented migrants from a variety of countries. Over 100 stash houses have been dismantled this year, as triple digit heat could lead to a further increase in stash houses along the border.

SOURCE: 12 September 2020, KXAN

## (U) Texas – Police Find 24 Undocumented Immigrants Inside Semi-Truck

(U) Weslaco – An investigation led to 24 people being found inside of an 18-wheeler truck in Weslaco. The vehicle was located in the parking lot of a Home Depot early Saturday. Upon inspection, police found 24 undocumented immigrants traveling inside the trailer. Weslaco police turned over the

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individuals to the US Border Patrol, who took the individuals to a station for further processing. The driver of the vehicle was arrested on trafficking charges.

SOURCE: 12 September 2020, Valley Central

## (U) NATIONAL

### (U) New Mexico – Officer Shot during Traffic Stop in New Mexico

(U) Laguna – A New Mexico State Police officer was shot after pulling a driver over on Interstate 40 near Laguna. The suspect fired multiple rounds at the officer. Despite having sustained injuries, the officer recovered and fired back at the driver. After a brief chase, the suspect was taken into custody by Laguna police officers. The wounded officer was treated at an area hospital and released.

SOURCE: 13 September 2020, The HIII

#### (U) Tennessee – Three Dead, Three Wounded in Violent Rampage

(U) Nashville – The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said a gunman killed himself after killing two people and wounding three others in a series of shootings and carjackings that ended with a high-speed police chase. The string of crimes began yesterday when the suspect opened fire inside a moving vehicle, killing one person and wounding another. After multiple carjacking attempts and shootings, the suspect ultimately took his own life.

SOURCE: 14 September 2020, ABC News

# (U) INTERNATIONAL

### (U) England – Authorities Arrest Man after Explosive Device Posted to London Address

(U) London – Counter-terrorism police have arrested a man after a package containing a small improvised explosive device was sent to a residential address in north London. The Metropolitan police advised the suspect was detained on suspicion of attempting to cause an explosion, or making or keeping explosives with intent to endanger life or property.

SOURCE: 12 September 2020, The Guardian

#### (U) Irag - Four ISIS Leaders Killed in Salahaddin Province Ambush

(U) Irbil – Four top ISIS leaders were killed by Iraqi security forces on Friday. Iraqi security forces prepared an ambush for the group of ISIS fighters in the Samarra district of Salahaddin province, killing four of "the most important leaders of the Islamic State, including two with explosive belts." Although the Iraqi government announced the territorial defeat of the Islamic State in Iraq, remnants of the group continue to ambush security forces, kidnap and execute suspected informants, and extort money from vulnerable rural populations.

SOURCE: 12 September 2020, Rudaw

# (U) Somalia – Bomber Kills Two, Wounds Six, Outside Mosque

(U) Kismayo – A Somali police officer said a suicide bomber attacked a mosque in the southern port city of Kismayo, killing two people. The bomber detonated his explosives belt near the gate of the mosque as worshippers were leaving after prayers. Authorities advised that the bomber appeared to be targeting the head of the regional chamber of commerce, who was wounded. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 11 September 2020, ABC News

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# (U) Turkey – Police Arrest Five ISIS Terror Suspects

- (U) Bursa Police in Turkey arrested five individuals allegedly linked to ISIS in a series of raids in northwestern Bursa and southern Mersin provinces. Photos and videos used by the terrorist group wile disseminating propaganda were found on phones of the suspects. Turkey continues anti-terror operations against the group in response to multiple attacks over the past few years SOURCE: 11 September 2020, Anadolu Agency
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